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To: The Secretary

Through: S/S

From: ARA - Mr. Holland

Subject: Departure of Ambassador Muniz to Discuss Proposed Convocation of Foreign Ministers on Guatemalan Problem.

Discussion:

I attach a memorandum (TAB A) of my conference with Speaker Martin and Ambassador Muniz on the latter's departure to Brazil to submit to his government our proposal to invoke the consultative procedure under the Rio Treaty regarding the Guatemalan problem.

Ambassador Muniz will leave on Sunday, May 16, and will advise us by cable as to his government's decision.

Attached also is a statement of evidence (TAB B) which we will submit to Ambassador Muniz. This statement is purely factual. I feel that an additional and argumentative presentation is necessary and for that purpose I have prepared a recommendation from me to you that consideration be given to invoking the consultative procedure (TAB C). A copy of this recommendation can be given to Ambassador Muniz. If it should be revealed to persons outside the Brazilian Government, it would not disclose that our intention is actually to call the meeting if we can get the necessary votes.

I am having lunch with Ambassador Muniz on Saturday and will brief him at that time.

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